

*The Historical Investigation represents 20% of your I.B. History HL grade, or 25% of your SL grade. Your topic must be in the area of American History. The Historical Investigation is divided into six sections and must be between 1,500 and 2,000 words. The summer assignment portion of this project is due at the end of the first week of classes in September. It will count as a test grade. Over the summer, students will:*

- 1) Select a topic area and develop a first draft of a research question for Section A. The question should be narrow, specific and analytical, not merely descriptive. Many successful questions begin with the phrase “to what extent...”**
- 2) Prepare a list of resources, with a minimum of three by September. This is a working bibliography made up of books, academic journal articles, news articles, documentaries and other resources. Use the internet only to help you locate other materials. Use of websites (anything with .com) is strongly discouraged. No Wikipedia, encyclopedia or textbooks can be included in your bibliography.**
- 3) Prepare a first draft of Section B, the Summary of Evidence. I will review this draft with each student during the first month of school. Remember, each piece of evidence used must have an in-text citation. You have a choice of presenting your Section B evidence either in bullet points, or in paragraph form.**